



INDIANA COMMISSION for  
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**To:** Jen Cooper, State Ethics Director  
**From:** Josh Garrison, Associate Commissioner  
**Date:** September 9, 2019  
**Subject:** Gift Rule Waiver - Sean Tierney

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**Name of Recipient:** Sean Tierney

**Title of Recipient:** Associate Commissioner for Policy and Research

**Brief Description of Item Solicited, Accepted or Received and approximate value of item:**  
Reimbursement for travel expenses (mileage, meals not included) to Outcomes-Based Funding Implementation Network meeting in Denver, Colorado.

**Date of Receipt:** 10/15/19

**Name of Donor:** Lumina Foundation

**Donor's Address:** 30 S Meridian St #700, Indianapolis, IN 46204

**Nature of Business Relationship with Agency:** The Lumina Foundation (Lumina) is an independent, private foundation in Indianapolis that is committed to making opportunities for learning beyond high school available to all. Lumina has provided the Commission for Higher Education numerous grants to assist in increasing Indiana's educational attainment. Currently, the grants include an Adult Promise Grant and funding to employ a data scientist to review our Next Level Jobs program.

**State why acceptance is in the public interest:** Indiana uses an outcomes-based funding (OBF) model to provide funding to our public institutions. Our model is held out as a national example due to its longevity and our willingness to improve the model. This convening of national leaders in the OBF arena will assist Indiana in ensuring our OBF model continues to provide the right incentives for our universities. Further, there are very few, if any, other opportunities for ICHE staff to meet with national OBF leaders to solicit feedback on how to improve our funding.

(Name of approving appointing authority or Ethics Officer)